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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC		
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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-12 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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- sheets 1/3-3/3 _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-13	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)1. Relevant Documents

D1 DE-A-199 54 755

2. Novelty (PCT Article 33(2))

D1 discloses a method and an arrangement for producing dimensionally accurate metal foam, in which moulded parts are heated and foamed in a chamber. The wall is made, in particular, from a quartz glass base and thus has a coefficient of expansion in the order of graphite and yttrium oxide. The chamber is also constructed such that the inner geometry of the chamber can easily be adapted to the final geometry of the item to be foamed (see column 2, lines 14 to 18). The chamber in which the metal is foamed therefore cannot be distinguished from a mould. The semi-finished metal product is thus foamed in a dimensionally accurate manner. The semi-finished product is heated in the chamber using radiation energy from outside, which is made possible by a wall that is made of quartz glass material and is

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permeable to radiation energy. A thermal radiator can always be controlled. Quartz glass is known to have a very small coefficient of expansion. The method and the device as per claims 1 and 12 thus lack novelty.

Dependent claims 2 to 11 and 13 contain features which are either not novel or do not involve an inventive step.

3. Applicability (PCT Article 33(4))

The subject matter of the claims is industrially applicable.